

INTERNATIONAL AGENDA



Florida Department of State ♦ Sandra B. Mortham, Secretary of State ♦ Office of International Relations ♦ October 1998

International Lecture Series Comes to FSU

Former president of Bolivia, Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, spoke about governmental reform on October 19, at the Claude Pepper Center on Florida State University's campus. The public lecture is the first in a series of programs sponsored by Florida State University to "stimulate interest in international affairs and events among students, faculty and the general public," said Charles Cnudde, dean of the FSU College of Social Sciences.

Trading with Europe

The U.S. Department of Commerce and the World Trade Center of Ft. Lauderdale will host a program entitled "European Monetary Unification" on October 29, from 1:30 - 5:00PM, at the Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hilton. The program will provide expert advice and timely trade information for doing business with the European Union. For more information, contact (954) 761-9797.

Notary Certificates and Apostilles

Foreign governments require that public documents originating from another country be accompanied by a notarial certificate or an apostille. These documents are issued exclusively by the Department of State. Beginning

October 1, these services are available at the Department of State's regional offices. These regional offices will be available

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Sister City News

Following the March 1998 signing of the Sister City Agreement between Hagiwara, Japan and Pensacola, an invitation was extended to send a delegation of artists to Hagiwara's equivalent of Florida's Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival.

The Pensacola Sister City Program contacted the Arts Council, and through a partnership program, a grant was awarded from the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs to pay the shipping and insurance costs of sending work to Japan and to support travel costs for the artists.

The delegation will spend 10 days visiting the beautiful town of Hagiwara, located midway between Tokyo and Osaka. The group will leave Pensacola on October 24, and return from Japan on November 4.

Upcoming Events

The Council of the Americas, Latin American Market will host its Fourth Annual Conference, November 17-19, at Turnberry Isle Resort & Club, Aventura, Florida.

The conference will cover new opportunities for trade, investment and finance in Latin America. For more information, contact the Latin American Market at (800) 550-1603.

The Nicaraguan-American Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend a presidential business breakfast with Arnaldo Aleman, President of the Republic of Nicaragua. The breakfast, which will cover business and investment opportunities in Nicaragua, will be held November 6, 8:00 AM, at the Miami Airport Hilton and Towers Hotel. For more information, contact the Nicaraguan-American Chamber of Commerce at (305) 599-2737.

The Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce presents the First Annual Golf and Tennis Weekend, November 20-21, at the Williams Island Country Club in Miami. The weekend will include two welcome breakfasts, a golf and tennis tournament, and dinner reception. Families are welcome to enjoy amenities such as the spa, beach club and programs for children. For more information, contact the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce at (305) 579-9030.